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Amendments

In the Claims:

1. (original) A shared multi-user email system on a single computer, comprising:
 - a shared computer;
 - a multi-user email system configured to run on said shared computer configured to enable a plurality of users, one at a time, to access said multi-user email system running on said shared computer;
 - a multi-user graphical user interface (GUI) configured to display concurrently current status of multiple email accounts of said plurality of users,
 - wherein said multi-user GUI permits one user of said plurality of users at a time to access an email user account environment of said one user of said plurality of users on said multi-user email system,
 - wherein said one user, if authenticated, can access only said email user account environment belonging to said one user,
 - wherein each of said email user account environments includes an inbox, an outbox, and at least one personal file folder; and
 - a network interface coupled to said shared computer through which emails can be routed to destination addresses not included in said multi-user email system.
2. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said multi-user GUI includes an indication of the priority of email received in said multi-user email system enabling prioritization of access to said shared computer by said users.

3. (original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said indication of priority includes at least one of the following indications of priority:

- an audio;
- a visual;
- a color;
- an iconic;
- a communication to a communication device;
- a page to a pager;
- a numeric;
- an alphabetic;
- a letter;
- a character;
- an alert; and
- a wireless alert.

4. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the system is used in at least one of a production, operations, healthcare, retail, hospital, and nursing environments.

5. (original) A real time multi-user graphical user interface (GUI) comprising:
a status module enabling a computer to indicate current status of multiple email accounts of a plurality of users, concurrently, on a shared multi-user computer.

6. (original) The GUI according to claim 5, wherein said status module comprises:
a priority indicator enabling the computer to indicate priority of access to the shared multi-user computer.

7. (original) The GUI according to claim 6, wherein said priority indicator comprises at least one of:

- a visual indicator;
- an audio indicator;
- a color indicator;
- a numeric indicator;
- a alphabetic indicator;
- an alphanumeric indicator;
- an iconic indicator;
- a communication;
- a communication device;
- an alert;
- a wireless alert; and
- a page.

8. (original) The GUI according to claim 5, wherein said status module comprises:
a new mail indicator enabling the computer to indicate that a new mail has arrived for one of said plurality of users of said shared multi-user computer.

9. (currently amended) An electronic mail system comprising:
a user-assignable personal file folder ~~that adapted to~~ stores user selected previously received incoming messages and all outgoing messages; and
at least one sent mail sub-folder in said user-assignable personal file folder, wherein a copy of said each of said outgoing messages is automatically stored in said sent mail sub-folder, and wherein said sent mail sub-folder is named by one of said outgoing message's recipient's e-mail address or said outgoing message's recipient's user name.

10. (currently amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein emails sent from at least one of a sender and/or a recipient are automatically stored in one or more of said user-assignable personal file folders.

11. (currently amended) The system according to claim 10, wherein said user assignable file folders are automatically tagged by one of the email address or the username of a sender of a received email and a receiver of a sent email.

12. (original) The system according to claim 9, wherein each of said user-assignable personal file folders comprises:

a dynamic, active read receipt report stored on a system of a sender of an email.

13. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein said dynamic, active read receipt report comprises:

a single file indicating read receipt status indicating which of a plurality of recipients of an email have and have not accessed said email.

14. (original) The system according to claim 13, further comprising tracking a date and time of access by one of said plurality of recipients.

15. (new) The system according to claim 9, wherein the system is adapted to automatically create at least one new sent mail sub-folder when a sent mail sub-folder does not exist for said outgoing message's one or more recipients.

16. (new) The system according to claim 9, further comprising at least one received mail sub-folder in said user-assignable personal file folder, wherein each of said incoming messages is

automatically stored in said received mail sub-folder, and wherein said received mail sub-folder is named by one of said incoming message's sender's e-mail address or said incoming message's sender's user name.

17. (new) The system according to claim 16, wherein the system is adapted to automatically create a new received mail sub-folder when a received mail sub-folder does not exist for said incoming message's sender.

18. (new) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a computing platform, cause said computing platform to perform operations comprising a method comprising:

receiving an instruction to send an outgoing electronic mail (e-mail) message from a sender;
and

storing in at least one mail folder of the sender, said outgoing e-mail message, wherein said mail folder is named by one of said outgoing e-mail message's recipient's e-mail address or username.

19. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:
creating at least one new mail folder when a mail folder does not exist for at least one recipient of said outgoing e-mail message.

20. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:
storing a received incoming e-mail message in said mail folder if at least one of a username or an e-mail address of a sender of said incoming e-mail message matches a name of said mail folder.